

CONCLUSION

With this amendment, claims 1-60 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 14, 20, 27, 42, 46, 49, 52, 53, and 55 have been amended.

Should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/TDCO:006. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

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APPENDIX

**MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS
AS REQUIRED BY RULE 121**

In The Claims:

1. (Once amended) A [First-arriving] first-arriving pulse detector circuitry,
comprising:

a correlator circuitry configured to correlate a received signal with a template
signal to provide an output signal; and

a threshold circuitry configured to provide a first-arriving-pulse signal depending
on the relative values of the output signal of the correlator circuitry and a
threshold signal derived from a noise floor.

5. (Once amended) The circuitry of claim 4, in which the first-arriving-pulse signal
tends to indicate [the] a time position of a first-arriving pulse in the received signal.

8. (Once amended) The circuitry of claim 7, in which the first number comprises the
average of [a] the noise floor, the second number comprises the standard deviation of the
noise floor, and the third number comprises a scaling factor.

11. (Once amended) A radio-frequency (RF) apparatus, comprising:
- a radio-frequency circuitry configured to receive a plurality of pulses that result from a transmission of a radio-frequency pulse in a multipath propagation medium; and
- a detector circuitry configured to discriminate from a noise floor a first-arriving pulse in the plurality of pulses.
14. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 13, [in which the detector circuitry is further configured to provide a] wherein the first-arriving-pulse signal [that] tends to indicate [the] a time position of the first-arriving pulse in the plurality of pulses.
20. (Once amended) A communication system, comprising:
- a transmitter circuitry configured to transmit a radio-frequency pulse into a multipath propagation medium;
- a receiver circuitry configured to receive a plurality of pulses that result from the transmission of the pulse into the multipath propagation medium; and
- a detector circuitry configured to [detect the] discriminate from a noise floor a first-arriving pulse of the plurality of pulses.

27. (Once amended) The system of claim 26, [in which the detector circuitry is further configured to provide a] wherein the first-arriving-pulse signal [that] tends to indicate [the] a time position of the first-arriving pulse in the plurality of pulses.

42. (Once amended) A method of detecting a first-arriving pulse, comprising:
correlating a received signal with a template signal by to provide a correlation
output signal; and
comparing the correlation output signal and a threshold signal to provide a first-
arriving-pulse signal,
wherein the threshold signal is derived from a noise floor.

46. (Once amended) The method of claim 45, in which the first-arriving-pulse signal tends to indicate [the] a time position of a first-arriving pulse in the received signal.

49. (Once amended) The method of claim 48, in which the first number comprises the average of [a] the noise floor, the second number comprises the standard deviation of the noise floor, and the third number comprises a scaling factor.

52. (Once amended) A method of detecting a first-arriving pulse among a plurality of pulses, comprising:
transmitting a radio-frequency pulse in a multipath propagation medium;

receiving, by using a radio-frequency circuitry, the plurality of pulses that result
from the transmission of the radio-frequency pulse; and
discriminating from a noise floor a first-arriving pulse in the plurality of pulses [,]
by using a detector circuitry[, a first pulse in the plurality of pulses from a
noise floor].

53. (Once amended) The method of claim 52, in which using the detector circuitry
further comprises correlating the plurality of pulses with a template signal to provide a[n]
correlation output signal.

55. (Once amended) The method of claim 54, which further comprises using the
detector circuitry to provide a first-arriving-pulse signal that tends to indicate [the] a time
position of the first-arriving pulse in the plurality of pulses.